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Final Rule for ORV Use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore Posted for Viewing

The National Park Service (NPS) announces that the final rule document for the management of off-road vehicle (ORV) use at Cape Hatteras National Seashore (Seashore) has been posted for viewing on the Federal Register Public Inspection web page under "Regular Filing." The rule can be found at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2012/01/23/2012-1250/special-regulations-areas-of-the-national-park-system-cape-hatteras-national-seashore-off-road>

The final rule will be published in the Federal Register on Monday, January 23, 2012 and become effective on Wednesday, February 15, 2012. The rule designates off-road vehicle (ORV) routes and authorizes limited ORV use within Cape Hatteras National Seashore (Seashore) in a manner that will protect and preserve natural and cultural resources, provide a variety of safe visitor experiences, and minimize conflicts among various users. Under National Park Service (NPS) general regulations, the operation of motor vehicles off of roads within areas of the National Park System is prohibited unless authorized by special regulation.

The rule establishes, among other things, the requirement to have an ORV permit to operate a vehicle on designated ORV routes at the Seashore. The NPS will provide additional information to the public about how to obtain an ORV permit prior to February 15, 2012.

For further information, call 252-473-2111, ext. 148.

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*** Note: The link found in the above document from NPS was changed by Hyde County to include a direct link to the ORV rule page in the Federal Register.*